

# CAUS

## BULLETIN



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### EDITORIAL

We had planned to do a feature on the Alaskan/JAL UFO incident of November 17, 1986, which has been the subject of much discussion in the press. Unfortunately, we are the victims of a new FAA policy.

As is our usual method of researching a government-related UFO incident, we filed a FOIA request with the FAA within days of the first public knowledge of the story. We had received several delaying letters promising files when they could be collected and copied. Finally, the FAA responded with an unusual letter.

In the days of Project Blue Book, a press release would have been prepared to answer questions about a UFO incident which may have received a fair amount of publicity. However, upon receiving inquiries about the JAL encounter, the FAA decided to market their full investigation to the public by placing notices in newspapers and by running radio spots. For sale are documents, photos, computer printouts and tape recordings. A package deal of \$194.30 is offered for everything or a mini-deal of \$94.30 for all but the tape recordings. Individual items may be purchased also.

Certainly the FAA can't be accused of a cover-up with this tactic. What it does do though is place a punishing financial burden on those who seek to do detailed work on the sighting. Cost recovery for the FAA is one thing but \$50 for a single 90 minute cassette is an outrage by anyone's standards (except perhaps for the government which thinks little of paying \$700 for a common hammer).

As a result of this, we must delay our discussion of the JAL UFO encounter until we obtain the proper materials from the FAA. We did not want to rely on newsclips alone for our report.

Additionally, our State Department request in the current Just Cause cost nearly \$80 to pursue. Records acquisition must be done with caution now as we are being charged full fees under the FOIA by most agencies we contact. Slowly but surely, freedom of information is becoming a pursuit of the wealthy only.

We are staying with it however. It is only the promise of significant discovery that keeps CAUS alive. We won't beg for funds perpetually or form alliances with UFO zealots to improve our lot. This is a mission that will end when the UFO mystery is solved. There is no telling when this will happen but eventually it will.

For info on the FAA file write: FAA; Attn: PUBLIC AFFAIRS OFFICE, AAL-5; 701 C St., BOX 14; ANCHORAGE, ALASKA 99513.

## BOOK REVIEW

We aren't in the habit of doing book reviews but one is worth the space. UFOS AND THE EXTRATERRESTRIAL CONTACT MOVEMENT by George Eberhart is a monumental bibliography of UFO literature that eclipses every previous work in size and completeness. Virtually all known important printed information on UFOs is referenced somewhere in this 2-volume set.

Volume one deals with the UFO subject itself while volume two covers contactees and other topics tangentially related to UFOs. Several sections concern government/military attitudes and documents which will aid present and future FOIA UFO researchers. I personally found the section "UFO Cases 1651-1945" fascinating as it puts the UFO phenomenon in a deeply-historical context. It is difficult not to be awed by so many references to strange aerial objects in 1853, or 1882, or 1909, or 1913; etc.

The problem with a work like Eberhart's is that it is so comprehensive, it will inevitably be frustrating. A researcher will discover a list of references in the bibliography only to find out how difficult it is to locate many of them in organized institutional or public libraries. It is almost mandatory that a seeker of UFO literature know a UFOlogist to point the way or provide the needed information from private files. Eberhart recognizes this problem and has urged libraries to begin collecting UFO literature as, at very least, an important example of modern popular culture.

The price tag is steep at \$97.50 but the old saying that "you get what you pay for" applies here. There will simply be nothing better in the foreseeable future than this bibliography.

Contact: Scarecrow Press; Box 656; Metuchen, New Jersey 08840.

While on the subject of books, Budd Hopkins' new book, THE INTRUDERS, will be available this spring. It promises to be another "grade A" UFO study, as was his previous book MISSING TIME.

Finally, there will be a sequel to CLEAR INTENT in 1988. It will be called CONCLUSION: UNKNOWN! but don't bombard us with questions about it yet. It is still some time off.

## NOTES

The Defense Intelligence Agency has released a single document on the Brazilian radar/visual encounters of May 19, 1986. In a letter to Robert Todd of December 9, 1986, the DIA released a one-page document and withheld a document for reasons of national security. The page we have is a typical information message summarizing the various incidents as reported in U.S. press accounts. The Defense Attache in Brasilia who sent the message added this interesting comment:

"While RO does not believe in UFOs or all the hoopla that surrounds previous reporting, there is too much here to be ignored. Three visual sightings and positive radar contact from three different types of radar systems leads one to believe that something arrived over Brazil the night of 19 May." (emphasis added)

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We have just been advised that the National Security Agency has confirmed Project Aquarius (CAUS Bulletin, Dec. 85) as an Air Force

UFO project. One of our members, Clifford Stone, received copies of letters sent to Senators John Glenn and Peter Domenici affirming that this was so. Stone requested the assistance of the Senators when the NSA became balky at responding to his requests on Aquarius. This comes as a striking reversal to previous statements about the non-relationship of Aquarius to UFOs. Apparently, the NSA does have their own "Project Aquarius" which they claim doesn't relate to UFOs. Feeling pressure from public inquiries which confused the NSA's "Aquarius" with the rumored Aquarius/ UFO project, the NSA seemingly has decided to "spill the beans" on the Air Force. Why this happened is unknown since a simple "no" to the Senators probably would not have gone any further. The NSA may have felt that with the number of inquiries coming in suddenly on Aquarius, there may have been a "smoking gun" in someone's hands that would have rendered additional denials into the category of "bald-faced lie".

There is a hot pursuit now ongoing regarding Project Aquarius and we will keep our readers advised.

LATE WORD ON ALASKA/ JAL UFO

We have just received a 7-page release of Alaskan Air Command records on the JAL UFO sighting of last November 17. The records were sent as a result of a request under the FOIA by Larry Fawcett. Since the Air Force had been very closed-mouthed about the sighting from it's first wave of press coverage, we had not expected to hear any positive news from the AAC. However, the records do confirm the Air Force's contention that their own radar trackings of unknowns at the time of the sighting were due to "erroneous data". On page 4 of this bulletin we attach a copy of one of the detailed statements by an air traffic controller on duty at the time.

VIETNAM-ERA UFOS

We would like to solicit from our readers any information regarding UFO sightings by military personnel during the Vietnam War period. We had touched upon this briefly in CLEAR INTENT and have heard many stories about such events, one of which is attached here. We have received a number of helpful responses to our previous appeal for information on Foo-Fighters, which will be covered in a future issue. Our thanks to those individuals and to those who may help in this quest.

**Air Force Checks UFO In Vietnam**  
*June 15-67*  
**DA NANG (AP)**—The U.S. Air Force is investigating numerous reports that an unidentified flying object was sighted Sunday northwest of the big Da Nang military base.  
 The Air Force has made no report of the incident or its findings, but informed sources say many U.S. military men reported seeing the object.

They said it was cylindrical and silver colored and was visible for several minutes.  
 Two F102 Delta-Dagger jets were sent up but the pilots were unable to locate the object, these sources said.  
 They said they know of no photographs taken of the object.

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Statement on the JAL 1628 incident occurrence on 17 Nov 86<sup>AF</sup>  
while working A-10s against a KC135 in YUKON 2 airspace,  
I was contacted by Arch sector 15 asking if I was seeing  
any aircraft or traffic in the vicinity of JAL 1628. He  
gave me the squawk and location of 1628, and after  
expanding and looking in the immediate area, all I saw  
was two pieces of erroneous data as I stated in the  
transcripts, 0225:43, Sector 15 told me that it was not  
erroneous data and to keep continuous tracking on the data,  
0225:50. The data was a primary search return only  
and lasted for approx 10 seconds and then faded.

At 0239:58 the AST reported a blip of 2 on JAL 1628.  
The second contact was directly astern of the airliner, this  
contact was received on the RDU console and I received no  
data on the control console.

At this time I requested the WAO/T to contact the  
mission coordinator at the military desk, at the center.

I received one last piece of data at 0242:24 but again  
it looked erroneous.

Summary: at no time was good strong data presented  
on the control scope. Continuous tracking was not  
available and with my background I would say that  
the contacts on my scope were all erroneous data,  
at no time did I actually see lateral movement  
on any of the contacts just "pop-up" radar hits.

SSgt Roger B Flock